

Daves Avenue Elementary

Home & School Club Meeting

April 4th, 2012

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Erica Mittelhauser.

Approval of March 7th , 2013 Minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes: Kristina Schmidt

Second: Jeff Milde

Unanimous approval

II. Present

Erica Mittelhauser	Lynn Hubbard	Barb Vais	Bianca Gruetter
Kirsten Grado	Alex Potts	Shannon Drotar	Cindy Fox
Ann Cristofano	Jennifer Appleton	Meredith Aston	Susan Lee
Becky Hanson	Isabel Guerra	Andrea Anderson	Kristina Schmidt
Dan Snyder	Kit Bragg	Jill Hourani	
Jana Morse	Jeff Milde	Nicole Reginelli	

III. Executive Board Reports

President's Report by Erica Mittelhauser

H&SC continuing to work with Kit on how to spend the surplus funds – i.e projection units. Looking also at Smart Boards which would roll out grade by grade. There are a few outstanding capital items that were discussed years ago – such as the covered walk way to the MPR and a running track on the upper field – that are being revisited. With that said, the covered walk way is cost prohibitive. Conversation continues.

Vice President's Report by Jeff Milde

The H&SC is recruiting for volunteers for 2013–2014 school year. If you have a yearning to be on the H&SC Board or a committee, please contact Jeff Milde vp@davesavehsc.org.

Treasurer's Report by Bianca Gruetter

On track and slightly above our fundraising efforts. Thanks to all who have contributed.

IV. Principal's Report

Bianca Gruetter, Leslie Wooley Carla McCulloch and Kit Bragg visited a local elementary school to see how Smart Boards and iPad technology are integrated into their curriculum. They visited three class rooms: kindergarten, 2nd grade and 4th grade. Bianca described how engaged both the teacher and students were. It was fascinating.

We are part of a major paradigm shift in technology and communication in education. We have to be conscious of the fact of using technology in classrooms encourages collaboration and interaction. It is the reality of the world today.

Kit is suggesting to roll out Smart Boards into the kindergarten next year. Ultimately the Smart Board solves the replacement of projectors in each classroom. Additionally, Kit would like to continue roll out with iPads into the 2nd grade classroom.

Discussion was centered around sustainability going forward and how to replace the outdated technology before implementing new technology.

Start Testing will be held starting April 29th for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades – most grade levels testing T, W, Th in the mornings. It will end on May 9th.

v. Committee Reports

Earth Day by Lisa Hanson

Lisa Hanson is the Earth Day chair. April 22 is Earth Day. Recent study have shown that kids involved with being “green” showed improved behavior, improved test scores and positive impact on the learning environment. Lisa presented numerous ideas on how the students will honor Earth Week. During Earth Week, there will be numerous events the kids can participate. There will be daily themes such as Meat Free Monday, Trash Free Tuesday, etc. Lisa is looking for volunteers to help during that week. Please contact Lisa Hanson lisa@nikopartners.com if you would like to help.

The Circus by Kirsten Grado and Erica Mittelhauser

Coming to town April 6th. It is sold out and there will not be admittance at the door.

eScript by Jennifer Appleton

eScript is generating roughly \$1,200 per month and 50% of the Daves Families subscribe. Year to date it has raised \$9,068.

Authors' Day by Cindy Fox

Very successful! Thank you Cindy. The on-line book purchase was very successful. Cindy read a thank you note from one of the author's, Amy Gibson. Cindy is looking for a replacement for next year.

LGEF by Claire Nipress and Jeff Milde

In the LG Weekly, there is an editorial on the fundraising also announced a Leadership Circle match up to \$100K. Year to date, \$630K has been raised but far cry from the \$1.2 goal.

VI. New Business

Teacher Appreciation is on April 23rd.

Parenting Continuum next speaker is Dr. Christine Carter "Raising Happiness" on April 30th at Fisher Middle School.

Measure B by Becky Hanson..ballots coming next week. Please mail in as they must be received by May 7th.

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Erica Mittelhauser adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Minutes recorded by Kirsten Grado.